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For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE

HOMOGENEITY OF THE TEMPERATURE OF PRODUCTS IN A METALLURGICAL REHEATING FURNACE, AND REHEATING

FURNACE

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.